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Letter dated 25 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I am transmitting herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, dated 25 February 2017, on the incursion attempt by the Azerbaijani side on the line of contact between Azerbaijan and Artsakh (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

25 February 2017

In defiance of the calls of the international community and the demands of the Co-Chairs of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group to strictly adhere to the 1994-1995 ceasefire agreements and to refrain from the use of force and the threat of use of force, the incursion attempt by the Azerbaijani side last night on the line of contact between Azerbaijan and Artsakh is another blow by Baku to the efforts by Armenia and the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group towards the peaceful settlement.

While continuing attempts to undermine the agreements reached in Vienna and Saint Petersburg on the creation of conducive conditions for the advancement of the negotiation process, Baku intentionally escalates the situation and initiates new provocations.

We once again draw the attention of the international community and, first and foremost, the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group to the strict necessity to sober up Baku and to bring it to the reality.